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# TO HELP FISHERMEN WHEN ASTRAY

## Dr. Dixwell Invents Device for Storing Food and Water in Dorries

Dr. John Dixwell of West Cedar street, Boston, and father of the movement for caring for aged and disabled Cape Ann fishermen, has invented a novel device for the storage in fishing dorries of food and fresh water, to be consumed by the fishermen when they are cast away from their ship in a fog on the banks.

Dr. Dixwell was interested in the question of providing some sure means of subsistence for fishermen because of his connection with the Cape Ann Fishermen's Home in this city, where problems in connection with the fishing industry are constantly being studied out.

It is well known that fishermen who leave their ship on the banks are instructed and supposed to take along water and food enough to last them some time, lest a fog overtake them and they be unable to make the return trip. But as a matter of fact very few of them do so, either because they forget it, or because the cans in which they must carry it are always in their way while at work.

Dr. Dixwell's invention, then, has two advantages. Not only will it be impossible for the men to forget their means of subsistence, since it will al-

ways be in the boats, but it will also occupy space in the dory which is never used for any other purpose, and where it cannot hinder the work of the men.

The position chosen by the inventor for the storage cans is under the rising amidships of the boat. It is on the rising that the seats, or thwarts, are placed when the boat is in use, but even when the seats are in, all other available space is used up, except that under this strip of board near the middle of the boat. There is a space of several feet which can be utilized in this way. The presence of the cans in no way interferes with the "nesting" and stacking of the dorries on the ship's deck.

The cans are narrow and thin, but long, and hold about two quarts apiece. Four are provided for each boat, two with nozzles for water and the others with a sliding attachment for food. One of the virtues of the plan is the cheapness of equipment, which can be effected for about \$2 a boat.

Dr. Dixwell has the support of several prominent men in the invention, and feels confident that it will prove the salvation of many a fisherman who may be cast away on the banks in the future and can subsist for 12 or 15 days with short rations on the contents of the cans.

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## PRICES ARE HOLDING FIRM

Receipts Not Very Heavy Although 17 Trips Are at T Wharf.

Although 17 crafts were at T wharf Boston, this morning, fish receipts were not very heavy most of the fleet being from the shore with small trips.

Of the off shores sch. Ethel B. Penny had 60,000 pounds, mostly haddock; Marjie Turner 4000 pounds halibut and 7000 weight of salt cod; steamer Swell, 43,000 pounds.

Prices were firm, haddock and large cod bringing \$5 to \$5.50 a hundred pounds market cod, \$3.50 to \$4; hake, \$3 to \$5; pollock, \$1.50 to \$1.75.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Ethel B. Penney, 55,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Stranger, 1200 haddock, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Margie Turner, 1000 cod, 7000 lbs. salt cod, 4000 halibut.

Sch. Leonora Silveria, 4000 haddock, 1500 hake.

Sch. Jorgina, 3000 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. John J. Fallon, 12,000 haddock, 1700 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Manhasset, 10,000 haddock, 1100 cod.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 200 hake.

Sch. Rose Standish, 100 haddock, 2900 cod.

Sch. Swell, 43,000 haddock, 200 cod, 800 pollock.

Sch. Lillian, 2500 cod.

Sch. Sylvester, 3000 cod.

Sch. W. H. Clements, 2000 cod.

Sch. Mary Emerson, 2400 cod.

Sch. Georgiana, 3700 cod.

Sch. Sarah, 3500 cod.

Haddock, \$5 to \$5.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$5.50; market cod, \$3.50 to \$4; hake, \$3 to \$5; pollock, \$1.50 to \$1.75.

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## PILOT WHALES DRIVEN ASHORE

Over 100 of Them on the Sands Near East Brewster Cape Cod.

For the third time within four months a herd of pilot whales is littering the sands of Cape Cod. The scene of the latest stranding is the East Brewster-Orleans shore, the date of stranding was Thanksgiving Day, and the number of beached mammals is 110. David C. Stull, the Provincetown watch oil manufacturer, is at the scene and will probably purchase the heads for removal to Provincetown.

Great schools of "blackfish" (pilot whales) and albacore were sighted in Cape Cod Bay yesterday by fishing crews and it is expected that other groups of stranded mammals will heap the shore sands during the coming month.

Of the blackfish ashore at present fully 40 are small, immature "fish", offspring of the larger school members.

The recent blackfish visitations came as a surprise to the Cape Codders, who had begun to believe that the species had abandoned for all time Cape Cod waters, where formerly they were regular yearly visitors. Prior to 1884, when two great massacres of the species occurred hereabouts, the visits of blackfish schools, occurring annually for a period of fully 100 years, served to add sensibly to the earnings of large bands of shore fishermen.

About every fisherman was an adept flenser and "boiler", and, there being a plethora of blubber-reducing machinery, all of the head and body was saved.

But from November 22, 1884, to July 30 of the present year, not one blackfish lay dead on the Cape shore. In that nearly 28-year period the species became well-nigh forgotten and the great store of whaling implements vanished—going to curio collectors mainly.

### Newfoundland Salt Fish.

The following interesting letter dated October 7th, was received by the St. John's, N. F., Board of Trade from Lind & Couto, of Oporto: "During the past fortnight our market has continued fairly active, and for good qualities of fish satisfactory prices have been obtained. Continuous fine weather is helping the curing of Portuguese fish, which is now coming into the market in regular quantities, well cured and of very good appearance. Although some of the vessels have not done very well, the aggregate catch of the fleet is said to be about the same as that of last year. Prices opened very moderate as compared with the prices of British fish, viz—Portuguese Cure, Large, 32s.; Medium, 30s.; First Quality British: Large, 39s.; Medium, 36s., 6 d.; Small Medium, 32s., 6d.; Small, 30s., 6d."

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### Fish Plenty Here.

Fish are "eating the rocks" at Rocky Harbor and Trout River and the fishermen have done very well the past week securing catches of as high as eight thousand pounds per day. Eli White is high liner at Rocky Harbor. From Bonne Bay notes in the Western Star.

Our fishermen have done very little with the Fall fishery here partly on account of having a lot of summer fish with bad weather for curing, and partly because there was very little fish to catch and the scarcity of bait. One man informed us that he had only five fish off his trawl one haul last week. There are few herring but not of much account.—Twillingate Sun.

### Gill Netting Notes.

The gill netting steamer Sunflower which has been laid up several days on account of a broken shaft has effected necessary repairs and joined the gill netting fleet again, making a lift Saturday and Sunday.

The new steamer Mary F. Ruth, Capt. Tony Grace is being fitted for gill netting and will probably start fishing Thursday. Capt. Joseph B. Ruth is agent for the craft.

## FIRST FROZEN HERRING TRIPS

Two Crafts Here This Morning With Loads of the Desired Article.

The first of Newfoundland frozen herring fleet are here this morning, two crafts bringing full loads of frozen and pickled herring.

Sch. Gossip has her hold and cabin full, hailing for 850 barrels of frozen fish and about 100 barrels of pickled herring on deck. The fish were loaded from the Gorton-Pew Fisheries company refrigerating steamer Alcona at Bay of Islands before she took her departure to Bonne Bay.

The other trip is that of sch. Corona, for the Cunningham & Thompson company. She has about 850 barrels of artificially frozen herring and 300 barrels of pickled herring.

The only other off shore fare here today is sch. Marsala from Georges handling with 8000 pounds of salt cod.

Owing to the heavy blow yesterday, most of the gill netters were driven back to port without making a lift. Four of the big steamers picked up their nets, but secured small fares, the total receipts of the day being less than 20,000 pounds.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Marsala, Georges handling, 8000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Corona, Bay of Islands, N. F., 850 bbls. frozen herring, 300 bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. Gossip, Bay of Islands, N. F., 850 bbls. frozen herring, 100 bbls. pickled herring.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 7500 lbs. fresh fish.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Elsie, haddocking.

Sch. Stiletto, haddocking.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, haddocking.

Sch. Lillian, haddocking.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.75.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.62 1-2; snappers, \$3.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.

Dory handling codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.12 1-2; snappers, \$3.50.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.

Drift codfish, large, \$4.25; mediums, \$3.62 1-2.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Large salt mackerel \$20 per bbl.; Fletched halibut, 10c per lb.

#### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.

All codfish not gilled 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.15.

Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 90c; round, 80c.

Bank halibut, 15 1-2c lb. for white and gray.

Fresh mackerel, 25c for large.

Fresh herring, \$1 per bbl. to salt; \$2 per bbl. for salt.

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### Portland Fish Notes.

Twenty thousand pounds of mixed fish mostly hake, were landed at Portland by sch. Richard Nunan of the Cape Porpoise fleet Wednesday.

That the netting season for haddock and other fish is near at hand is shown by the fishermen who are coming to Portland to get ready for the season. The gasoline boat Trident, Capt. Lester Dennett, is now here fitting out. Capt. George Rice will come up the first of the week in the Alice to start netting. He will bring the old tug Joe Baker which he converted into a species of houseboat and which he will use in drying his nets.

Two cargoes of fish were taken from Portland Friday for Gloucester, though neither cargo had been loaded here. The Emma F. Chase had salt fish and the Nora D. Sawyer had smoked herring.

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### Big Fish Cargo.

Ss. Nascopie, Capt. Melkle, sailed from St. John's, N. F., for Alicante at 8 o'clock a week ago Saturday night, taking the largest cargo of fish ever shipped from this port to a foreign country. The cargo is as follows: 18,299 qtls. cask fish, 3,000 qtls. bulk fish, 26 tierces salmon and 6 barrels caplin. She was cleared by the Nfld. Shipping Co., A. H. Murray, agent.



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## St. Pierre A Free Port.

We understand that the French authorities at Miquelon have decided to make it a free port, beginning on January 1st, the St. John's N. F., Chronicle says. This means that after that date no duties will be charged on goods entering St. Pierre, and this will cheapen them in value considerably. It will probably mean a large increase in smuggling to this Colony. We also learn that the glue factory and reduction plant at St. Pierre, which worked up dogfish and other material, was burned down last week, but it will probably be rebuilt.

## The Week at Pensacola.

Although several immense catches were brought in to Pensacola during the latter part of week before last, and well stocked the local fish dealers, the catches last week were few and far between. That is, but one or two smaller vessels have reported at either fish house with catches of fish. Not a single arrival has been reported at the docks of the Warren Fish Company. The entire big fishing fleet operated under the auspices of that concern happens to be on the snapper bankers at present and it is expected that the present week will prove a busy one for them.

Quite a number of vessels are expected almost daily by the Saunders Company also. Practically the whole fleet operated by that firm is also out.

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## Nantucket Scallops.

As if it was not enough for the Nantucket scallop fishermen to practically control the market thus far, for other places have only made small shipments, owing to scarcity, said fishermen have now found another big bed of the shellfish near the jetties at the mouth of the harbor, and they are said to be the finest yet discovered for a long time. Prices are high, and it is a poor workman who cannot pick up from \$10 to \$15 per day. Let's all quit the newspaper business and move to Nantucket.—Old Colony Memorial.

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## WAIL FROM THE COAST-GUARD

Our treatment of the American fishing vessel is in striking contrast to that given our fishermen in United States ports. Should a Canadian fishing vessel go to the United States with a cargo of fish and pay the duty on it, and sell it there, she may not clear again, for the high seas, but must clear first for a port in a foreign country, whereas United States fishing vessels entering Canadian ports under the Modus Vivendi, are allowed clearance for the high seas.

In other words, the Canadian vessel must clear for a foreign port, and enter that port clear again for the fishing grounds, but the American vessel can clear direct from a Canadian port to the fishing grounds. In all our negotiations with the American government we have been up against the same American principle—taking everything and giving nothing in return.—Clark's Harbor, N. S., Coast-Guard.

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## Bait Scarce.

One of the serious handicaps to the successful prosecution of our fisheries is the scarcity of a suitable bait supply, the Clark's Harbor, N. S., Coast-Guard complains. Under the Modus Vivendi giving the United States vessels the privilege of buying bait at our ports, our fishermen have greatly suffered by having the available bait supply sold to the American vessels. The past year our men were unable to prosecute their work because of this. With the discontinuance of the Modus Vivendi they would be quite amply provided with this essential and would therefore be in a much better position to greatly increase the catch, besides giving them a fair degree of confidence in the prosecution of the industry.

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NOT MUCH AT  
AT T WHARF

Only Seven Vessels in, Prices Soar to Smiling Point for Fishermen.

Arrivals at T wharf, Boston, since yesterday's report are few, seven trips being on hand this morning for the day's trade.

There are no real large trips among the lot, except for sch. Onato, Capt. J. Henry Larkin, who hails for 59,000 weight of cod and 12,000 weight of haddock. Other fares are schs. Thos. S. Gorton, 12,600 pounds; Juno, 3800 pounds; W. M. Goodspeed, 6500 pounds; Laura Enos, 8000 pounds; Olivia Sears, 6000 pounds; steam trawler Surf, 32,800 pounds.

Haddock brought \$3.50 to \$6 a hundred pounds, large cod, \$4.50 to \$6; market cod, \$3 to \$4.50; hake, \$2.50 to \$5; and pollock, \$1.60.

## Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Juno, 2200 haddock, 1600 cod, 600 halibut.

Steamer Surf, 31,000 haddock, 500 cod, 1300 hake.

Sch. Onato, 12,000 haddock, 59,000 cod.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 9000 haddock, 600 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. W. M. Goodspeed, 3000 haddock, 300 cod, 3200 hake.

Sch. Laura Enos, 8000 pollock.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 6000 pollock.

Haddock, \$3.50 to \$6 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50 to \$6; market cod, \$3 to \$4.50; hake, \$2.50 to \$5; pollock, \$1.60.

## PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

## Arrivals.

Sch. Adelle T. Carlton, Rockland for New York.

Sch. Nat Meader, Bangor for New York.

Sch. Sarah A. Reed, Bangor for New York.

Sch. Franconia, Machias for Boston.

Sch. Mary E. Olys, Bangor for New York.

Sch. Samuel Castner, Jr., Calais for Bridgeport, Conn.

Sch. Edith McIntire, Stockley for New York.

Tug P. O'Reardon, Boston.

Tug Sadie Ross, Boston.

British sch. Evolution, Boston for Liverpool, N. S.

British sch. Itaska, Gold River for New York.

Sch. Annie P. Chase, Bangor for New York.

Sch. Grace Davis, Bangor for New York.

Sch. John S. Beacham, Bangor for New York.

Sch. Lizzie D. Small, Bangor for New York.

U. S. buoy tender Mayflower.

British sch. Roma, Chatham, N. B., for New York.

Sch. L. A. Plummer, Bangor for New York.

Sch. Thomas Hix, Bangor for Boston.

## The Dead Sea.

In shape the Dead Sea resembles an elongated oval, some 48 miles long and about 10 miles wide at its greatest breadth. One of the most remarkable facts about it is that its surface lies 1300 feet below that of the Mediterranean, and as it is some 1310 feet deep in places, it means that its greatest depth reaches a point no less than 2600 feet below the waters of the Mediterranean. It is famed for the saltiness and bitterness of its waters, which are extremely dense, containing 23 per cent. of solid matter and being bulk for bulk heavier than the human body. In every ton of water in this strange inland sea there are roughly speaking 187 pounds of salt; its nearest competitor in this respect being the Red Sea, which has 93 pounds of salt to the ton. Other very salty waters are the English Channel with 73 pounds to the ton, the Atlantic Ocean with 31 pounds to the ton, and the Mediterranean with a slightly higher proportion.

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## Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Gov. Foss, Capt. Fred Thompson called at Shelburne, N. S., last week for dories on her way to the fishing grounds.

Schs. Mildred Robinson and Titania arrived at Shelburne Sunday last and cleared.

Sch. Cavalier arrived at Canso Saturday last.

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NO OFF-SHORES  
IN HERE TODAY

Gill Netters Got Their Work in Again in Great Shape.

Not an off shore arrival of any description was reported here this morning, it being pretty quiet along the water front generally.

Sch. Lawrence F. Murdock is here with a cargo of cured fish from Maine ports, which is the only receipt of the day.

The gill netters landed about 200,000 pounds yesterday. Several of the boats struck some haddock and cod although the trips were mostly pollock. Several boxes were shipped to Boston for this morning's market, while the splitters took the remainder to salt.

## Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Lawrence Murdock, Maine ports, cured fish.

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Alice, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 5300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Philomena, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Geisha, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Scout, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 22,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bessie M. Dugan, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Eagle, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary L., gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hugo, gill netting, 3600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 16,000 lbs. fresh fish.

## Vessels Sailed.

Sch. S. P. Willard, Newfoundland herring trip.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddocking.

Sch. Mary F. Sears, haddocking.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, haddocking.

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, haddocking.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, halibut-ing.

Sch. Cynthia, haddocking.

## TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

## Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.75.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.62 1-2; snappers, \$3.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.

Dory handlining codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.12 1-2; snappers, \$3.50.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.

Drift codfish, large, \$4.25; mediums, \$3.62 1-2.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Large salt mackerel \$25 per bbl.; Fetched halibut, 10c per lb.

## Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.

All codfish not gilled 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.15.

Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 95c; round, 85c.

Bank halibut, 17c lb. for white and 14c lb. for gray.

Fresh mackerel, 31c for large.

Fresh herring, \$1 per bbl. to salt; \$2 per bbl. for salt.

## Salt Mackerel \$25.

The last sale of salt mackerel or from the fleet of 1912 was made yesterday, when Davis Brothers purchased the trip of sch. Victor, Capt. John W. McFarland, paying \$25 a barrel right through. This is an advance of \$5 over the last sale.

## Big Fleet of Coasters In.

A large fleet of coasting crafts, including several bound from Bangor to New York and Boston with lumber put in here for shelter over night.

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FISHERMEN  
DISSATISFIED

Newfoundlanders Who Put Off Fish at Labrador Have a Kick.

A feeling of dissatisfaction that we believe is deep and widespread is felt by the Labrador fishermen that put off their fish at the Labrador this summer. They think that they should have got more than \$3.50 for their catch. At all events they are not convinced that that price was the utmost their catch was worth.

This dissatisfaction largely arises from the fact that it is a drop of 50 cents from the year before and, less by 50 cents to 80 cents from the price now obtainable for similar Labrador fish; but it is only an advanced stage of a feeling ranking for generations in the minds of Labrador fishermen which has one of its roots in the fact that the Labrador fishermen have no voice in fixing the price of their produce, and in many cases, if not most cases no power to decline to give it for the price offered by that what it may be.

They lack too the assurance in their own minds that there is enough open competition between purchasers to bring the price up to the proper "notch."

Our special object in mentioning the subject is to point out the damage to the fishing industry and to the country in general that this want of confidence on the part of fishermen engenders, and to ask should not we all, government and public alike, concern ourselves in seeking a remedy. These fisheries can be made a much greater source of wealth to all concerned, fishermen and merchant and public generally than they are. The evil is no doubt curing itself so to speak; but at what a cost. Many of our best fishermen have left the country for other land, others are going—amongst them in a few days a father in the prime of life, with two grown-up sons, and four more soon able to run the race their fathers ran, besides another young man of much worth.

We fear it will be harder to get men next summer for Labrador than ever. Is there no way to establish confidence between the Seller and Buyer in respect of price, either by giving both, or some tribunal in whom they would have trust, a part in fixing a price, or else in other ways? Is there no way to remove other crying grievance, cause of dissatisfaction, and source of low prices, and immense injury to the country, namely, giving as great a price for the dirty badly made article as for the prime? It is the duty and interest of the mercantile community, the Fishermen's Union and the government to put their heads together and seek and adopt remedial measures. Bay of Islands, N. F., Western Star.